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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BS/AI) groundfish plan teams will meet in Seattle, WA.

DATES: The meetings will begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, September 11, and continue through Friday, September 14, 2012.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way N.E., Building 4, National Marine Mammal Lab Room 2039 (GOA Plan Team) and Traynor Room 2076 (BS/AI Plan Team), Seattle, WA.

<u>Council address</u>: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane DiCosimo or Diana Stram, NPFMC; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda: Principal business is to recommend proposed groundfish catch specifications for 2013/14. The teams also will review status reports on various management actions, review the draft Ecosystems Considerations Chapter, and proposed

changes to Bering Sea/Aleutian Island and Gulf of Alaska groundfish stock assessment models.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version is posted at

http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc/PDFdocuments/meetins/GPTagenda912.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group

for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings.

Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising

after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the

Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been

notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign

language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen, (907) 271-

2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 21, 2012.

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